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We're ready for our own 'Wayne's World'

- Public access TV in Philly finally gets its own studio
- What wacky shows can we hope to find channel-surfing late at night? {page 02}

▶ Larry West, a local celebrity among young people, said it's about time Philly public access television had a studio, and that he's long thought about hosting his own show that would combine heavy metal videos and local politics.

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Republicans vow fight over birth control

- GOP will work to change Obama's law requiring all women receive access to contraception {page 07}

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After 30 years, public access TV has a home

Time for those dreaming of local stardom — see: 'Wayne's World' — to start making shows ◐ New studio: 'Create curiosity so people come in'

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▶ Nutter has long supported a city public access station.

▶ PhillyCAM members will have up-to-date technology to shoot programs.

Artist Larry West, already a bit of a cause celebre among certain Philly circles for his run for mayor in 2008, has always toyed with the idea of shooting a local version of "Wayne's World."

He even knows the first two music videos he'd play: Strapping Young Lad's "Detox" and Megadeth's "Peace Sells, But Who's Buying."

"I definitely did think about doing a public access show in the past," West said yesterday. "The idea I was running around was a Philly 'Wayne's World' version, me playing metal videos and local politics."

He and others now have a public access hub to do so. After 27 years of fighting for a station and two more trying to get a studio, Mayor Michael Nutter celebrated the station's grand opening yesterday.

"This is a special and personal moment for me. It's a way of giving everyone the opportunity to participate in civil and public discourse." NUTTER

"We wanted to create a space to show you we're more than just a television station, but a community center," said director Gretjen Clausing. adding that YouTube has made people more willing to share their ideas and opinions and communicate with the masses, she said. "Public access is still incredibly relevant."

The building, whose equipment is completely digital, features a media lab, community space, classrooms and offices. The studio's bright color palette is based on the test patterns of a classic television, said lead architect Alan Metcalfe. "We had a low budget, so we put a lot into paint and nice, bright finishes."

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How to start shooting

PHILADELPHIA. In order to submit television pitches to PhillyCAM, the pilots must be locally produced and you must become a member.

The cost is $25 per person and determined by a sliding scale for businesses, depending on their operating budgets. That can cost anywhere from $30 to $200, said membership director Antoine Haywood.

There are currently 360 active members, 85 of which are organizations.

The weekly schedule features 65 original series and 20,000 hours of programming. PhillyCAM can be viewed on Comcast channels 66 and 699 and Verizon channels 29 and 30. METRO/AW

More ideas for shows

Here are some ideas for new shows from people who gathered for the grand opening of the city's public access television station:

- "I'm a Zen Buddhist and it would take me seated on a Zazen cushion in silent meditation with a green screen in the background. Cartoon images would be projected in the background to show the busyness of the mind," said organization treasurer Leslie Birch.
- "I'd like to see local business programming. There are so many adorable businesses tucked away in Philadelphia," said Matthew Baron of Awesome LLC and Woofer, a dog clothing line that plays mp3s. "The three things people are always talking about are politics, real estate and sex, so I think a show about any one."
- "I always wonder about Philadelphia elementary schools who are named after people," said Susan Rubin, wife of building owner Mark Rubin. "I think a short spot about who they are named after and what those people did would be really cool."

In the news

A slow burn in Kensington

Fire officials are investigating the cause of a three-alarm fire at a Kensington beverage company early Wednesday. The blaze at Hua Fang Beverage Co. on B Street and Indiana Avenue was called in around 12:50 a.m., officials said. The one-story commercial building was destroyed, but the damage did not spread to any other properties. METRO

In the news

Suspects in Kless killing postponed

The preliminary hearing for three suspects in the fatal Old City beating of Temple grad Kevin Kless was postponed yesterday. Prosecutors are waiting on crucial medical records and the defense needed more time for witness lineups. Defendant Felix Carillo's was also denied a bail reduction. METRO

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▶ Protesters on North Broad Street didn't seem to notice snow.

Poor flakes never stood a chance

PHILADELPHIA. Snow flurries throughout yesterday afternoon and early evening never had a chance to accumulate with temperatures remaining in the mid-30s until later in the night. Today will reach into the upper 40s and Friday could hit 50. METRO

Two held in murder of Fishtown man

PHILADELPHIA. Ryan McManus and Richard Smith were held for trial in the November shooting death of Fishtown man Shane Kelly.

Kelly was killed after two men tried to rob him and his girlfriend. He chased one of the suspects, who turned and shot him to death.

After a three-hour preliminary hearing, Smith's lawyer argued in vain that his client should not be charged with murder because he was blocks away running in a different direction. METRO

Four years for Vietnam vet beating

OLNEY. Two teenagers pleaded guilty yesterday to beating and attacking a Vietnam veteran last month.

The defendants, both 15, assaulted Ed Schaefer on Jan. 17 and stole his phone as he walked to meet his wife at a bus stop. The judge sentenced them to four years in a secure juvenile facility. METRO

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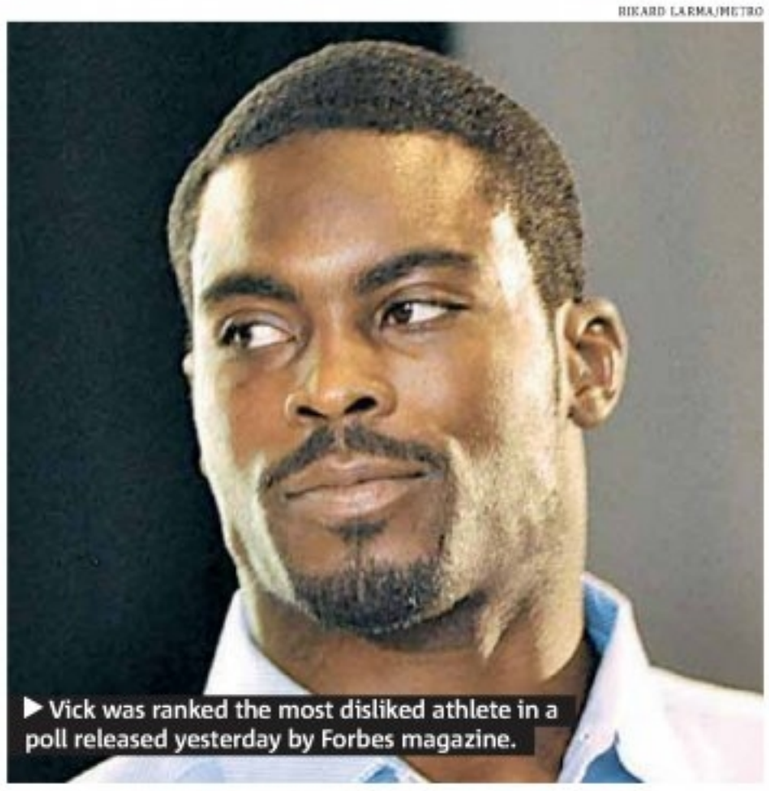

▶ Vick was ranked the most disliked athlete in a poll released yesterday by Forbes magazine.

Vick dissed by fans as most 'disliked' jock

Eagles QB tops poll as most disliked athlete in America

In a season that started out with talk of a Dream Team but ended as yet another disappointment, there's more dubious distinction for Eagles QB Mike Vick.

Vick was ranked the most disliked athlete in a poll released yesterday for Forbes magazine. Vick, who had topped the NFL's list, came in above athletes from all sports among those polled. While most Philadelphia sports fans have come to embrace him since he joined the team three years ago, casual NFL fans still remember him for his dogfighting past.

Sixty percent of respondents rated Vick as someone they "dislike," "dislike somewhat" or "dislike a lot," which tied with Tiger Woods, although Vick was categorized more by "dislike a lot."

While the results are unfavorable, the poll shows that it is based somewhat on popularity, considering disgraced athletes like Chicago Bears' Sam Hurd, facing federal charges for allegedly trying to purchase massive amounts of cocaine, or journeyman Donte Stallworth who killed a man with his car a few years ago, did not even register.

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Disliked athletes

Also on the list were some other goats across American sports:

- Former Super Bowl hero Plaxico Burress, who completed a Vick-like comeback this season after serving jail time for shooting himself. He played for the Jets this year.
- Blossoming NFL bad apple Ndamukong Suh, who stepped on a Green Bay Packer during a nationally televised Thanksgiving game.
- The former Mr. Kim Kardashian, Kris Humphries, who was reportedly a likeable guy from Minnesota before his 72-day matrimonial romp.
- Aging prima donna Terrell Owens, who hasn't really done much this year except not play football.

- Basketball stars LeBron James and Kobe Bryant also made the top 10 for their polarizing personalities.

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Fees approved for Shale gas drillers

- Local impact fees barely passed General Assembly
- Environmentalist calls it a sweetheart deal for drillers

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▶ Natural gas companies still won't pay any taxes.

After years of debate, state lawmakers have approved a local impact fee for the extraction of natural gas from the Marcellus Shale.

The bill, which passed by a 101-90 vote in the state House, will head to Gov. Tom Corbett's desk for his signature after the Senate approved it on Tuesday. The "compromise" legislation allows counties to assess local impact fees to pay for infrastructure and public-safety costs and mandates the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to collect and distribute the fee.

The bill — which avoids taxing the growing industry as Democrats wanted — moved quickly through the General Assembly this week. Corbett emphasized the thousands of jobs that will be created and that drilling will move the state toward energy independence.

"This legislation reaffirms our strong commitment to safe and responsible natural gas development here in Pennsylvania," said Corbett, who is expected to sign the bill.

Leading environmental groups called it a sweetheart deal for big oil and gas.

"It's clear why the governor and the Republican leadership needed to ram this bill through," said Jan Jarrett, president and CEO of Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future. "It violates the rights of the citizens and the wishes of more than three-quarters of the voters."

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Drexel. Expansion

▶ Officials are expected to break ground Feb. 21, with completion set for September 2013.

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$98 million work begins in U. City

Preparation has begun on Drexel University's campus for a $98 million mixed-use project. The American Campus Communities is building a 19-story residence hall and two eight-story buildings on Chestnut Street between 32nd and 33rd that will have student housing and retail space. METRO

Table games approved for Valley Forge

MONTGOMERY COUNTY. The Valley Forge Resort Casino received approval for 50 table games from the state Gaming Control Board.

The $132 million facility is scheduled to open this spring. The board previously approved the casino for up to 600 slots, but held a hearing last month in King on Prussia on the resort's request for tables.

As a Category 3 facility, Valley Forge can have up to 50 table games. The developer must pay a $7.5 million fee for the operation of tables, which will include blackjack, craps, three-card poker and roulette.

The casino is expected to provide 650 jobs. It will join Parx as the second legalized gaming facility in Montgomery County and the fourth in the five-county Greater Philadelphia region.

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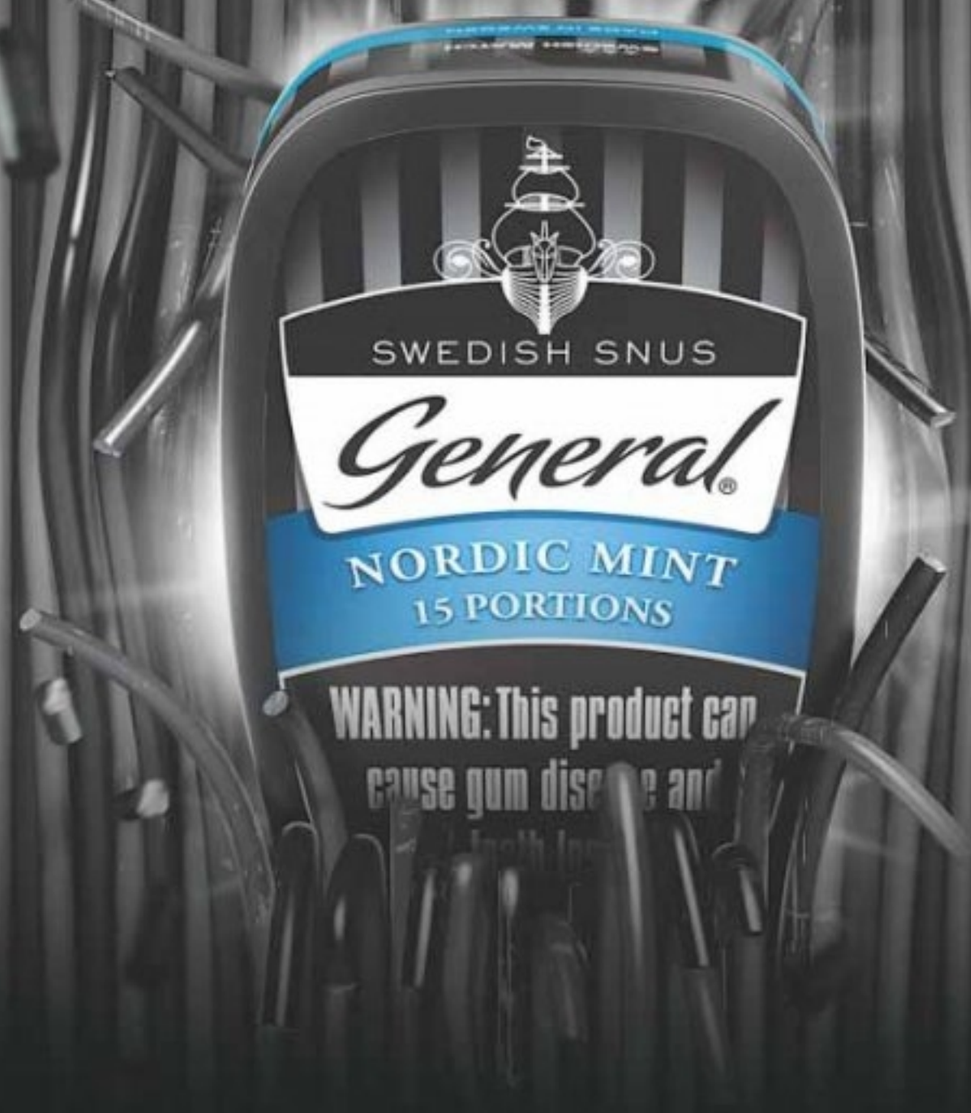

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Is Santorum raining on the campaign parade?

Former Sen. **Rick Santorum** was the decisive winner on Tuesday night, coming from a widely presumed third place to sweep all three Republican contests — in Missouri, Minnesota and Colorado — as he took advantage of presumptive front-runner **Mitt Romney**'s complacency and "I'm-not-Romney" rival **Newt Gingrich**'s Gingrichness to whip his base into a vote-crushing froth.

Or was he?

One might expect a parade of positive headlines for Santorum the day following such an overwhelming rout, and indeed there were some such. Many campaign reports, however, painted the Santorum wins as further cementing Romney's chances of scoring the nomination even as they do damage to his sense of inevMittability. (Yeah, we went there.)

Confused? Read on.

For one, Romney backers point out that all three of Tuesday's contests were nonbinding. What this means practically is that delegates — whose votes the candidates need to secure in order to become their party's nominee — will not necessarily be awarded along voting lines. Though it can be expected that delegates will be roughly similar to vote tallies, no one knows for sure.

Perhaps more important, though, is how the Santorum sweeps throw a fat wrench in Gingrich's Anyone But Romney momentum. The former House speaker, who has been pushing hard to force this mantle upon himself, performed even worse than Romney on Tuesday, and that's saying a lot. Gingrich has now won one contest to Romney's three and Santorum's four. Romney wins so long as the not-Romney crowd continues to split that base.

▶ Can Rick Santorum catch up from behind?

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Of course, it would be a huge miscalculation to write off the message sent by these voters, that being a reaffirmation of one of the 2012 campaign's most puzzling truths: Despite his presumed victory, massive organization and perfect hair, many voters seem to really dislike Mitt Romney. A recent poll actually shows many voters saying they like him less the more they know him. And they'll only come to know him more in the coming months.

The challenge for conservatives will be to coalesce around a single opposition candidate before they end up knowing more than they can stomach.

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Sometimes you've only got time for headlines:

- "Santorum Sweep" **DOUGPOWERS.COM**
- "Santorum proves money isn't everything" **WASHINGTONPOST.COM**
- "Mitt Romney's night from hell" **SALON**
- "Making Sense of the Santorum Sweep" **THE ATLANTIC WIRE**
- "Santorum Escapes Mitt's Moneybags, for Now" **DAILY INTEL**
- "Romney's bad day is Santorum's best in GOP race" **AP**
- "Santorum's Missing Ingredient" **PROSPECT.ORG**
- "Don't Be Fooled, It's Still Mitt" **DAILY BEAST**
- "Was Tuesday Night Really So Terrible for Mitt Romney?" **TIME.COM**
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Boehner vows to block Obama contraceptive rule

House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner yesterday denounced President Barack Obama's new rule on contraceptives as an assault on "religious freedom" and vowed to stop it.

The controversy centers on a provision in the 2010 healthcare law that requires health insurance to cover basic birth control services for women — even at Catholic charities, hospitals and universities. Boehner said Obama should reverse the rule, and Catholic bishops contend the policy infringes on religious liberty because the church does not condone birth control of any kind.

"This attack ... can not stand and will not stand," Boehner, the top U.S. Republican in Congress, vowed in a speech on the floor of his chamber.

"This attack ... can not stand and will not stand."
JOHN BOEHNER

Press secretary Jay Carney said Obama will try to ease critical concerns but intends to implement the rule to give women access to contraceptives.

Boehner said if the president refuses to rescind the measure, Congress will do so through the legislative process.

Boehner could face problems in the Senate, which is controlled by Democrats. **REUTERS**

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▶ House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner

Prosecution urges rejection of Sandusky visitation request

Pennsylvania prosecutors who have charged Jerry Sandusky with sexually abusing boys filed a fierce response yesterday to the former Penn State assistant football coach's request to be allowed to see his grandchildren in his home.

Sandusky's attorney, Joe Amendola, asked the court last month to let Sandusky see his grandchildren under the supervision of an adult, to visit with adult friends in his home and to go to Amendola's office to work on his defense.

But Attorney General Linda Kelly, after receiving information that Sandusky had shoveled snow outside his home last month and was observed on his home's rear deck watching children play at a neighboring school, said Sandusky was fortunate to be under house arrest in the first place. **REUTERS**

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▶ Sandusky

Faster security program for 28 top US airports

A pilot program that moves passengers through preflight security screening more quickly if they volunteer information about themselves in advance is set to expand to 28 of the nation's busiest airports, U.S. officials said on Wednesday.

The expedited screening program will grow throughout 2012 from seven pilot locations to all three major airports in the New York City area, the three in the Washington, D.C., area and others including Boston, Chicago, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix and Denver, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration said.

Certain frequent flyers and people enrolled in the Customs and Border Protection's Trusted Traveler programs may no longer have to take off their shoes, pull laptops from cases and remove belts and coats when passing through security, the TSA said. **REUTERS**

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Gwyneth Paltrow is heeding animal warnings, Alec Baldwin is questioning his girlfriend's eating habits, Jason Segel is having trouble online and Sarah Silverman likes being an adult.

@GwynethPaltrow: My dog is incessantly barking at the wind. What does she know that I don't? A lot, clearly.

@alecbaldwin: Some people actually have salad with their egg whites in the morning. Can we be taking this health thing too far, @hilariathomas ?

@jasonsegel: Twitter account hacked again. I don't understand the point of what you're trying to do hackers. Why? Sorry to anyone following me.

@SarahKSilverman: I still wake up so jazzed that childhood is over

Paltrow

Karl Lagerfeld sorry for comments on Adele's weight

Karl Lagerfeld has his couture knickers in a bit of a twist about the media frenzy surrounding his recent comments about **Adele's** weight. When Lagerfeld served as the global guest editor of this newspaper on Tuesday, he was quoted as calling the singer "a little bit fat" in response to a question about singer **Lana Del Rey**. But now he's taking to the paper to reverse that statement. He told us, "I'd like to say to Adele that I am your biggest admirer. Sometimes when you take a sentence out of the article it changes the meaning of the thought. What I said was in relation to Lana Del Rey and the sentence has since been taken out of context from how it was originally published. I actually prefer Adele, she is my favorite singer and I am a great admirer of her. ... Adele is a beautiful girl. She is the best. And I can't wait for her next CD."

"I lost over 30 kilos over 10 years ago and have kept it off. I know how it feels when the press is mean to you in regards to your appearance."
KARL LAGERFELD, ON RELATING TO ADELE WHEN HE WAS WAY MORE THAN "A LITTLE BIT FAT"

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Good for Karl for speaking up. But if he had to choose between Adele and Lana Del Rey to be the face of the next Chanel fashion campaign, who do you think he'd pick?

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Like mother, like daughter

Speaking of things that are a "little bit fat," get a load of this baby! Harper Beckham is already half the size of her mother! (Totally kidding here, everyone. The baby is not fat. Rather, it's hilarious that Victoria Beckham is so tiny; her head is the size of her 7-month-old's.) Here is the fashionable duo entering JFK airport on Tuesday.

Talking points

Brand finalizes divorce papers

An attorney for **Russell Brand** reportedly filed finalized divorce papers in Los Angeles this week, according to TMZ. And although Brand and **Katy Perry** reportedly did not sign a prenuptial agreement — meaning Brand could easily try to grab half of the fortune Perry earned during their 14-month marriage — sources say the British comedian has no intention of going after her money. "This divorce is as amicable as it gets," one source tells the website. According to Forbes magazine, Perry earned $44 million between May 2010 and May 2011.

▶ He's not after her money.

Deschanel: No idea what fuss is about

Zooey Deschanel would just like to say, for the record, that the stories about **Russell Brand** sending her flirty text messages and angling to get to know her both personally and professionally are bogus. "I don't even know him, by the way," she said during a visit to "The View," where she was quizzed on the rumors. "On the scale of truth and completely preposterous, it's completely preposterous," Deschanel insisted.

Jennifer Aniston on life, love

Jennifer Aniston isn't necessarily naming names, but she says her past romantic experiences have taught her a lot about what she doesn't want and what she won't settle for. "Having experienced everything you don't want in a partner over time, it starts to narrow down to what you actually do want," Aniston tells InStyle magazine. "As I get older, I realize what qualities are important in love and what suits me, and what I won't settle for." And she certainly feels that boyfriend **Justin Theroux** suits her just fine. "First of all, he has great style — it's very specific, and it has been his style forever," she says of Theroux. "Has it influenced mine? No, but I know people say it has. 'Oh, look, you're dressing alike.' And I think, No I'm not. I've had this jacket for three years!"

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Who is sexier? Some lingerie models, Michael Phelps or a few Stormtroopers?

1. Stormtroopers lined up for a photocall to promote the release of "Star Wars: Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace" 3-D at The London Eye on Wednesday in London.

2. Michael Phelps announced a new partnership with Head & Shoulders — by showering with the stuff while in a Speedo — at the Soho House on Wednesday in New York City.

3. New couple alert? **Kristin Chenoweth** and **Elmo** attended the 2012 Drama League Of New York "Musical Celebration Of Broadway" Benefit at The Pierre Hotel on Monday in New York City.

4. Denzel Washington and **Ryan Reynolds** attended the "Safe House" premiere at the SVA Theater on Tuesday in New York City.

5. Lindsay Ellingson, **Adriana Lima** and **Doutzen Kroes** celebrated Valentine's Day at Victoria's Secret, SoHo on Wednesday in New York City.

6. Stella McCartney launched her latest fragrance, L.I.L.Y., at Selfridges on Wednesday in London, England.

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"We might have gotten this by going to the fish market and seeing an oyster," says company co-founder Avshalom Pollak. "The word 'oyster' just popped out. It's the combination of letters, how it looks, the sound of it, metaphors that can work with what we have inside the show. When we create, we want the piece to have multiple options for ideas and thoughts, emotions and connections."

Originally produced in 1999, "Oyster" has become a defining piece for Pollak and Pinto, combining dance, mime, puppetry, acrobatics and striking visuals to conjure a sideshow world that explores "how it is to be controlled by different kinds of forces, visible or not," according to Pollak. "It can look like a fantasy or a place that people can escape to, but still it's reality at the same time, a mirror of our lives."

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First, is your partner your equal?: Determine his or her mate value: How desirable is this person on the mating market? Think about anything from looks to social status. When a couple pairs up, they tend to have approximately similar mating values, but discrepancies do develop over time.

"If one gets a big promotion at work, they could increase their mate value by virtue of the position. The lower mate value person tends to be most jealous as statistically, it's more likely the higher mate value person either having an affair or terminating the relationship," says Buss.

Then, identify the nature of the threat: According to Buss, men and women are equally jealous but differ in the nature of their emotion: "For a man, the sexual aspect of an infidelity poses a threat as it casts a doubt over their paternity certainty."

Furthermore, "men place a greater premium on physical attractiveness in potential mates, so when women see their man in a sexually charged interaction with a physically more attractive woman, that can drive a woman crazy." Online relationships and even the regular use of porn also trigger jealousy in a woman.

Take action: "Women enhance their physical appearance as a mate protection tactic whereas men redouble their efforts to fulfill their partners' desires," says Bass. On the flip side, "men are more physically reactive and more likely to commit crimes of passion than women," says Buss.

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"In this sense, jealousy can be healthy, especially in the early stages of a relationship. Women sometimes intentionally evoke jealousy in their partner (men do too but women do it more) to determine how committed and in love he is or to increase the perception of how desirable she is," he explains.

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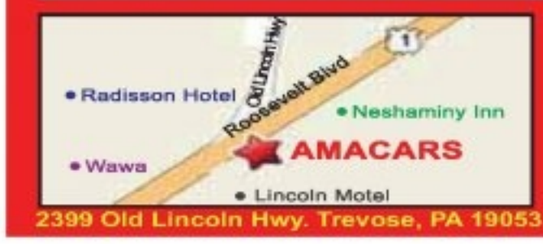

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RE: "HOW HYPOCRITCAL IS THE PRESIDENT?": President Obama is being called names — "hypocritical," "dancing with the devil," "brazenly cynical" and others — all because he has now bowed to and embraced the law passed by the U.S. Supreme Court in Citizens United versus FEC, giving the corporate giants the possibility of spending limitless amounts of money to lobby for or against any candidate they choose. Should Obama break the law passed by the Supreme Court? Won't he be tagged criminal by the righteous ones? **JOHN DINGA, VIA E-MAIL**

In my opinion, Obama has not acted hypocritically with the decision to accept super PAC money. Poor guy. Leveling out the playing field is gonna be a little harder than he imagined. After all, he's playing with the mean kids now. **WELINA FARAH, VIA E-MAIL**

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RE: "GOVERNMENT FUNDS GO BOTH WAYS": I hope Mr. Connell realizes that the "enemies ... domestic" are the very same politicians who have taken that oath. Devaluing a country's currency, bombing innocent people in foreign countries and taking away our liberties here at home are all serious criminal acts. Mr. Connell adores government roads and maintenance? I'm not impressed by the pothole-riddled streets we've got, or the constant-but-never-improving construction projects our cities so graciously allow us to pay for. As for poisoned food, I think Perdue chicken is more concerned with keeping its customers alive to become repeat customers than it is with impressing bureaucrats at the FDA. **KELLY DONNOE, VIA E-MAIL**

"We are all in charge of our own destiny, not some magic man in the sky."

I disagree with the people who complain that Obama isn't religious enough. I think he, as well as many other politicians, are out of touch with reality when they say they look to God for guidance. Which God is going to decide the outcome in the Middle East? Jehovah, Jesus, Allah or Santa Claus? We are all in charge of our own destiny, not some magic man in the sky. **ROBERT LAROSA, VIA E-MAIL**

So now Romney and Santorum are trying to outdo one another jamming their religious beliefs into the electoral process. They've forgotten why the Pilgrims came here in the first place: to get away from religious tyranny. **PAUL SIMONS, PHILADELPHIA**

Everything can't be unconstitutional!

RE: "PERHAPS IT IS TIME TO MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP IN WASHINGTON": Perhaps Mr. St. George can point to what passage in the Constitution foreign aid (most of which goes to Israel, by the way) violates? Or is this just another meaningless gripe against government using the "it's unconstitutional" canard? As for Rep. Paul: Going by his campaign platform, he isn't someone you'd ever want near the White House. **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL**

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♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** It looks like one of your talents will get a workout at this juncture. You have a special aptitude for organizing things, and you will be asked to do so for others. Stay alert!

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you have a special talent that can be meaningful to others, use it posthaste. But make sure that you benefit from your gift as well.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Even though you'll be the one endowed with excellent leadership qualities, it will be others who recognize it before you do. Don't allow any self-doubts to dilute your talents.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Although your financial picture looks especially good, you may be slow to recognize it. This may be due to your using different methods, which will at first obscure your gains.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Because you'll enjoy your friends for who they are and not for what you can get from them, you'll be surprised when some pals shower you with favors. Ask not and you shall receive.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Don't hesitate to share your secret desires with friends you truly trust. True pals will want to help you figure out ways to fulfill your wishes, not make life harder on you.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** It behooves you to closely study the associates whom you admire. Chances are there is something of value you can learn from them.

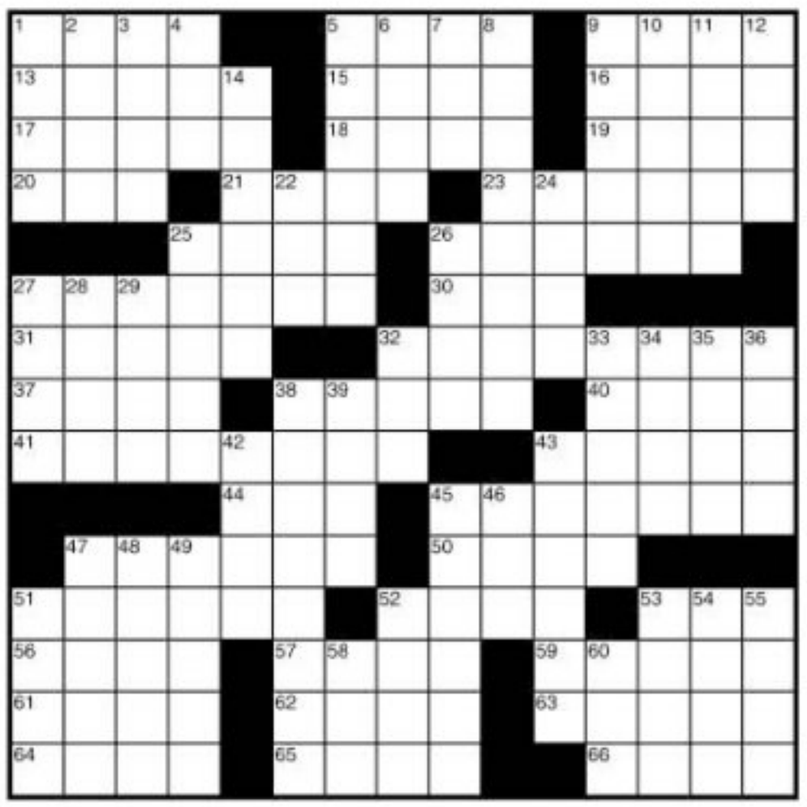
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If you fail to get something you really want on your first try, push harder during a second attempt. Your probabilities for achieving what you want are good, as long as you don't give up.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Once you're able to view situations from other people's perspectives, you'll be more effective in dealing with both the situations and the people. Widen your outlook, widen your acceptance.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** You're in an unusually good earning cycle, which should increase your income stemming from special skills, knowledge and/or services you have to offer. Don't hesitate to ask for what you're worth.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Obligatory social activities with friends are likely to be more enjoyable than usual. It might be due to the fact that they will take place outside the house in inexpensive, fun venues.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although it's usually unwise to attempt to do more than one thing at a time, this may not be true in your case. You can handle multiple tasks when there are dollars to be made. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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Prongs surprises Flyers

Concussed captain stops by practice facility to visit teammates ◗ Defenseman growing playoff beard, according to Hartnell ◗ Doesn't speak with media, but looked 'little down'

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"Looked a little down, not gonna lie, but to see him at the rink was good."

SCOTT HARTNELL, ON SEEING CHRIS PRONGER YESTERDAY

His nameplate is no longer in the Flyers' dressing room, but he's been in the back of the players' minds all season.

Yesterday, they got a visit from captain Chris Pronger, who is still dealing with post-concussion syndrome and was shut down for the season back on Dec. 15.

The 36-year-old defenseman stopped by the team's practice facility for 90 minutes to see his teammates. He didn't skate, didn't work out, just came to see the gang.

"I saw him this morning, had a little visit with him," winger Scott Hartnell said. "He's growing his playoff beard a little early, got a little scruff on him. Looked a little down, not gonna lie, but to see him at the rink was good."

Pronger wasn't feeling good enough to go to Hartnell's Super Bowl party, but was finally able to string together a couple of good days and get to the practice facility. He left before practice started and didn't talk to the few media who arrived early.

"You get from our trainers that he'd had two good days and three bad ones, so I just tried to see what's up and just talk to him," Hartnell said.

"I think he was more concerned with what was going on with the team and how we've been doing playing with Bryz and how our D corps has been rotating," said Pronger's defensive partner Matt Carle. "I think he's more concerned with us than he is with himself, it seems like. It was good to see him today."

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▶ Pronger still isn't coming back this season, but he did stop by practice yesterday to see his Flyers teammates.

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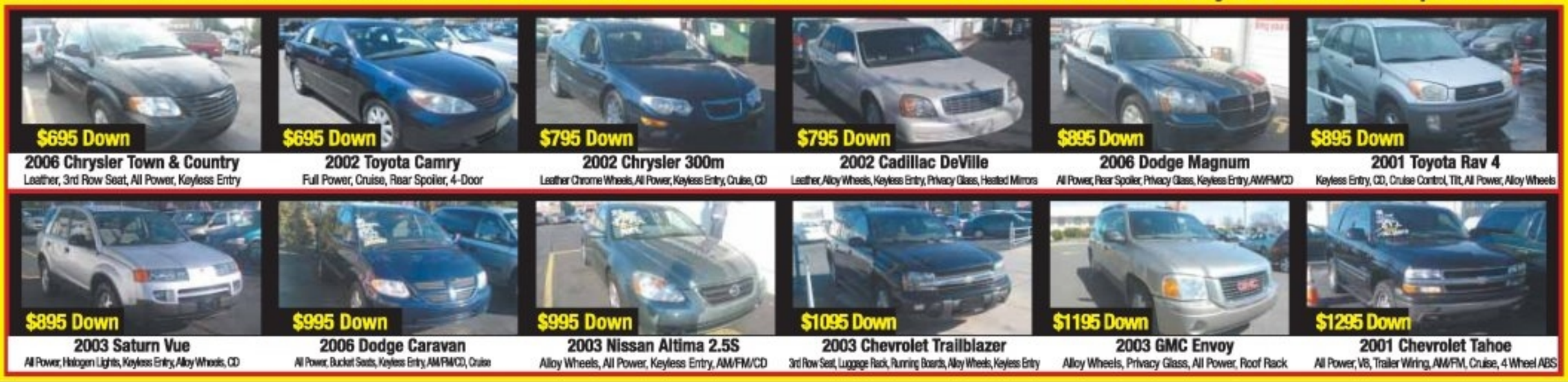

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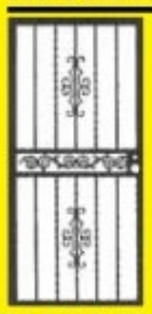

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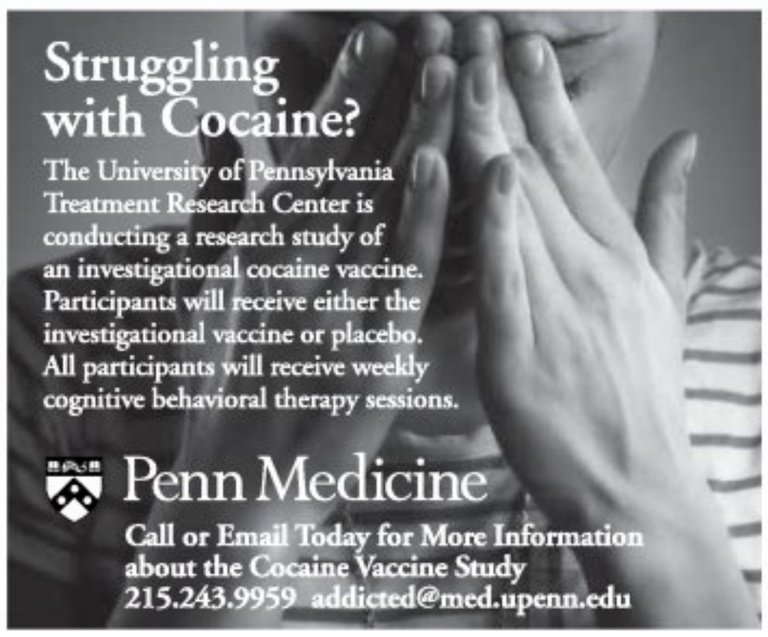

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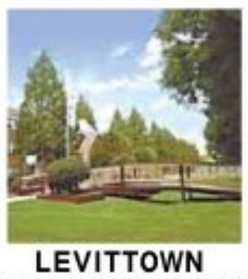

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